

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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The invention provides a reproduction apparatus and a reproduction method by which the error of time information which arises from interruption of power supply to a timer which manages the term of term-managed contents data is minimized to allow accurate term management of contents data. The timer produces time information when power is supplied from a cell, but stops its operation when no power is supplied thereto. The time information produced by the timer is stored into a memory, and the memory holds the stored time information when no power is supplied to the timer. Then, when the power from the cell is supplied subsequently to the timer, the time information stored in the memory is set to the timer so that the timer may thereafter produce correct time information thereby to allow term management of term-managed contents data to be performed accurately.